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In re Application of:

Yoshihiro Nishiyama et al.

Serial No.: 09/834,085

Filing Date: April 12, 2001

For: THIN FILM MAGNETIC HEAD
COMPRISING SiON FILM AND
MANUFACTURING METHOD
THEREFOR

Examiner: Klimowicz, William J.

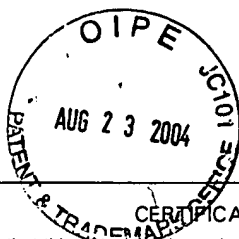
Group Art Unit: 2652

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS/AF
Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of May 21, 2004.
The amendments to the Claims begin on page 2, and the Remarks begin on
page 9.



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- ☒ Transmittal Letter (in duplicate); Amendment and Response to Final Office Action of May 21, 2004 (4p); Copy of Decision Granting Petition of January 24, 2002 (2p); and
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

Fee calculation:

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$___ for a ___-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
- ☐ An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Total		Minus			x \$9=			x \$18=	
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First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+\$145=			+\$290=	
					Total	\$		Total	\$

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- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

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Agent for Applicants

August 19, 2004
Date